

In the Claims:

Claims 1-13. (previously canceled)

14. (currently amended) A system which creates at least part of the code for a web site comprising:

a parser which separates text into words and phrases;

a system which compares the words with a dictionary to identify words which do not appear in the dictionary and which compares the words and phrases not appearing in the dictionary with entries for which a web site is available and generates an output for display to a user indicating one or more web site associated with one of the words and phrases;

a system which receives a user input indicating whether a web site should be associated with a word or phrase and which one or more of the web sites should be associated with the word and phrase; and

an editing system which generates a web site for the text which includes a hotlink for the web site(s) indicated by the user input if the user has indicated that a web site should be associated with the word and phrase.

15. (original) A web site creation system of the type described in Claim 14 wherein the system which compares the words and phrases includes a web search engine.

16. (previously amended) A web site creation system of the type described in Claim 14 wherein the system which compares the words and phrases includes a dictionary, where the comparison includes variations of the words.

17. (original) A web site creation system of the type described in Claim 16 wherein the system which compares the words and phrases includes a dictionary which is augmented by rules which identify other related words which are considered a part of the dictionary.

18. (original) A web site creation system of the type described in Claim 14 wherein the system which compares words and phrases includes a system which recognizes indications contained in the text of a trademark as an indicator of an associated web.

19. (original) A web site creation system of the type described in Claim 14 wherein the system which compares words and phrases includes a system which identifies a corporate name in the text as an indicator of an associated web site.

20. (original) A web site creation system of the type described in Claim 14 wherein the system which compares words and phrases includes a mechanism which recognizes capitalization as an indicator of a word possibly associated with a web site.

21. (original) A web site creation system of the type described in Claim 20 wherein the mechanism which recognizes capitalization as an indicator includes a component which identifies capitalization which occurs within a word as an indicator.

22. (currently amended) A stored program for creating at least part of the code for a web site based on a text, the stored program comprising:

a program component which identifies a portion of the text for which a web site may exist;

a program component which compares the portion of the text to a dictionary to determine that a dictionary entry for the portion does not exist;

a program component which seeks to locate one or more web sites for the identified portions of text where the dictionary entry of the portion does not exist;

a program component which displays to a user for user input the one or more located web sites which are associated with an identified portion of the text;

a program component which responds to a user input to select whether to include a web site and, if more than one web site is identified, to select which web site or web sites will be included; and

a program component which creates a web site based on the text and includes a hot link to the one or more web sites which were selected by the user.

23. (original) A stored program of the type described in Claim 22 which further includes a dictionary which is associated with the program component which identifies a portion of text for which a web site may exist.

24. (original) A stored program of the type described in Claim 22 which further includes a system which recognizes capital letters in a word as an indication of words with which web sites may be associated.

25. (original) A stored program of the type described in Claim 24 wherein the system which recognizes capital letters is responsive to unusual capitalization as an indication of a word associated with a web site.

26. (original) A stored program of the type described in Claim 22 wherein the system which identifies words which may be associated with web sites further includes a system which is responsive to identification of trademarks.

27. (original) A stored program of the type described in Claim 22 wherein the system which identifies words which may be associated with web sites further includes a system which is responsive to identification of corporation names in the text.

Claims 28-38 (previously canceled)

39. (currently amended) A method of creating a web page comprising the steps of parsing text to separate it into words and phrases;  
using a dictionary to determine words and phrases for which no dictionary entry is found;  
comparing at least some of the words and phrases with entries for which a web site is available using the words and phrases for which no dictionary entry is found and generating an output to a user indicating one or more web sites associates with at least one of the words and phrases;  
receiving a user input which indicates whether a web site should be associated with a selected word or phrase and, if more than one web site has been identified, identifying which of the more than one web site should be associated with the selected word or phrase; and  
editing the text to include a hotlink for the selected word or phrase based on the user input if the user input indicates that a web site should be associated with the selected word or phrase.

40. (previously presented) A method of creating a web page including the steps of Claim 39 wherein the step of comparing includes the step of using a web search engine.

41. (currently amended) A method of creating a web page including the steps of Claim 39 wherein the step of using a dictionary includes the step of considering variations of words in the dictionary.

42. (previously presented) A method of creating a web page including the steps of Claim 41 wherein the step of comparing words and phrases using a dictionary includes the step of identifying other related words which are considered part of the dictionary.

43. (previously presented) A method of creating a web page including the steps of Claim 39 wherein the method further includes the step of recognizing an indication of a trademark.

44. (previously presented) A method of creating a web page including the steps of Claim 43 wherein the step of recognizing a trademark includes the step of identifying a web site associated with the trademark and including the web site in the web page.

45. (previously presented) A method of creating a web page including the steps of Claim 39 which further includes the step of identifying a corporate name in the text as an indicator of an associated web site.

46. (previously presented) A method of creating a web page including the steps of Claim 39 which further includes the steps of using the corporate name to identify one or more web sites and selecting one of the web sites for inclusion as a hotlink within the web page.

47. (previously presented) A method of creating a web page including the steps of Claim 39 which further includes the step of recognizing a capitalized letter in a work as an indicator of a word possibly associated with a web site.

48. (previously presented) A method of creating a web page including the steps of Claim 47 wherein the step of recognizing a capitalized letter is followed by the steps of identifying a web site associated with the word having the capitalized letter and including a hotlink associated with the web site in the web page.

49. (previously presented) A method of creating a web page including the steps of Claim 47 in which the step of recognizing a capitalized letter includes the step of recognizing a capital letter which occurs after the first letter.

50. (previously presented) A system which creates at least part of the code for a web site including the elements of claim 14 and further including a system which uses a list of sites for which no web site could be found and using this list in generating the output of web sites for the text.

51. (previously presented) A system which creates at least part of the code for a web site including the elements of Claim 14 wherein the system which compares includes a dictionary, a "no links" list and a "past links" list, and the output is based on the dictionary, the "no links" list and the "past links" list.

52. (currently amended) A method of creating a web page comprising the steps of:

parsing text to separate it into components including words and phrases;

comparing components from the parsing with a dictionary, a "no links" list and a "past links" list to determine which components are likely to have at least one web site associated with the component;

receiving a user input which indicates whether a web site should be associated with the text component and, if more than one web site has been identified, identifying which of the more than one web site should be identified with the selected word or phrase;

editing the web page to include a hotlink for the selected word or phrase based on the user input if the user has indicated that a web site should be associated with the text component..

53. (previously presented) A method including the steps of Claim 52 wherein the step of comparing with the dictionary includes the step of excluding common words which appear in the dictionary.

54. (previously presented) A method including the steps of Claim 42 wherein the step of comparing the component with the "no links" list includes the step of excluding the component from further processing to identify a hotlink associated with the component when the component is listed on the "no links" list.

55. (previously presented) A method including the steps of Claim 52 wherein the step of comparing the component with the "past links" list includes the step of including the associated past link with the component based on the user input.



56. (previously presented) A method including the steps of Claim 52 wherein the step of comparing the component with the dictionary includes the step of comparing variations of the component with the dictionary and determining if the component does not exist in the dictionary.